

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Application No. **NEW NATIONAL PHASE**

Group

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Examiner

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO NON-CONTACTING FACE SEALS AND THRUST
BEARINGS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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January 19, 2006

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified
application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.